

The Department of Youth Services is committed to a balanced approach to Juvenile Justice. This balance involves four essential elements:

- Public Safety: DYS is responsible to the community by providing an appropriate response to behavior that endangers others or their property
- Accountability: DYS is committed to holding youth accountable for their actions to their victims and to the community, we help youth to understand and develop better ways of thinking.
- Skill Building: DYS has many programs that strive to incorporate skill building activities that tie youth back into the community promoting a sense of value, belonging, and achievement.
- Reduce Recidivism: DYS's goal is to reduce the rates of re-offenders among the youth we serve by helping them understand the importance of public safety, accountability and skill building.

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